

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration, reexamination, and allowance of this patent application are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Objection to Claims 2-8

At page 2 of the Office Action, Claims 2-8 were objected to as being dependent from a cancelled claim, Claim 1 having been cancelled pursuant to the practice of M.P.E.P. § 1214.06. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the objection, in view of the foregoing amendments to Claims 2 and 5-8, by which each of Claims 2, 5, 6, 7, and 8 have been placed in independent form; Claims 3 and 4 depend from Claim 2.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are not objectionable, and therefore respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection thereto.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that this patent application is in condition for allowance. An early indication of the allowability of this patent application is therefore respectfully solicited.

If Mr. Basichas believes that a telephone conference with the undersigned would expedite passage of this patent application to issue, he is invited to call on the number below.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required or permitted, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. If, however, additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees necessitated by this paper, and to credit all refunds and overpayments, to our Deposit Account 50-2821.

Respectfully submitted,

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